

BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

WATCH JONES' OUTFIT

Will Be Real Dark Horse in Next Season's Race.

Manager Contends That Pitching Is First Essential for Winning Combination—McGraw of New York Giants Agrees.

Grandstand managers are pretty well agreed that Fielder Jones' Brownies lack that run-making essential—a punch. Sixty-four games of the one-run margin variety, 35 of these defeats, are pointed to as evidence that the club is deficient in batting effectiveness, writes Ed Wray in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

It is also agreed by the amateur managers that Fielder Jones is making a mistake in sitting tight with his present outfit and in planning to continue his 1917 campaign with the same punchless cast.

But there is the large "on-the-other-hand" to his argument, one that can be backed up by figures. Batting is far from being everything in the life of a successful team; and that the injection of a little more timeliness into the batting of our Brownies, plus the team's great superiority in speed, may yet vindicate the club's manager.

The answer to this view will, of course, be: "See what happened to the club this year. It had a fair trial."

Jones argues differently. He maintains that a good start would have brought confidence and a near-first-place position to his club.

Jones holds—and he is supported by facts—that pitching is the first thing

POLO IS MOST POPULAR ALL-AROUND SPORT



FAST GAME AT AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Polo is played in this country practically all the year round. During the winter months the climate and conditions of the grounds are suitable for the Pacific coast clubs, Hawaii and the Philippines; in spring the game is played in the Southern circuit, which includes Aiken, Camden, the several army posts and Washington; in the late spring the game is popular in Philadelphia and adjacent suburban clubs and Lakewood, N. J., and is next followed by the Western and mid-Western circuits. In May and June the game is in full swing at all the Eastern clubs and Narragansett Pier, R. I., annually witnesses the championship series extending over a period of several weeks. In the recent tourney decided there the mounts used represented a cost of from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

SPORTING WORLD

Boston has an interscholastic ice hockey league.

Richmond (Va.) junior high school teams are playing soccer football.

New York university will add a swimming team to its activities.

Birmingham, Ala., contemplates constructing a municipal golf course.

Eighty or more new 2:10 trotters will join the select ranks this year.

Princeton's first baseball game next year will be March 24 with Dickinson.

The agitation to put a ban on all kinds of betting in baseball is a good one.

A movement has been started to build a half-mile track in Lincoln park, Chicago.

Football is a game that requires a stiff backbone, a stiff arm and a stiffer upper lip.

Ward Miller, veteran right fielder of the Browns, is to be operated on for a double hernia.

Stoughton A. Fletcher has engaged the young western trainer Henry Thomas for 1917.

Galeity Lee 2:10 1/4, dam of Lee Axworthy, is in foal to San Francisco 2:07 1/4, this year.

People who speak of "playing golf" do not have the right idea. Golfers do not play—they work.

The pacing stallion Minor Heir 1:58 1/2, by Heir-at-Law, will make his future home at Millston, Tenn.

Why is it that all those football players we see in the papers must have their hands on their hips?

Soccer clubs of Philadelphia and vicinity boast 3,800 players enrolled in the district governing association.

The Australian Jockey club subscribed and raised for English patriotic purposes during the last year \$186,850.

Boston, Brooklyn and Cincinnati will not be represented in the Interstate Three-Cushion league this season.

Mabel Trask, 2:03 1/4, won 13 races and more than \$33,000 in light harness races over grand circuit tracks this year.

Jose R. Capablanca, the Cuban champion chess player, will give a series of lectures in New York November 14 and 21.

Tris Speaker is wise enough to know that he is a star in the playing end of the game and that he might be a dub as a manager.

Washington university of St. Louis is gathering funds for a proposed \$15,000 swimming pool. The students raised \$4,000 at a recent meeting.

Big preparations are already being made on the Pacific coast to entertain the Cubs if they go there next spring to do their spring conditioning.

Cornell University Athletic association has sold over 2,500 season tickets at \$10 each to students entitling the holders to all major sport games there.

That German scientist who says women have less lung power than men never attended a high-school basketball game and listened to the rooting.

COOMBS WELL-GUARDED WHILE ON BALL FIELD

Every time Jack Coombs, pitcher of the Brooklyn (National league) champions, goes out on the field to pitch he wears a heavy rubber brace from knee to hip, and supplements this with yards and yards of bandages. Jack also carries a heavy steel brace as a protective device. They are necessary, following his severe illness which ended his career with the Athletics. His wonderful stamina is shown by his ability again to hold his end up as a pitcher with the champions of 1916. Coombs alone beat the Red Sox in the recent series and has never been defeated in a world's series.

CLABBY RETAINS COOL HEAD

Laughs at Warning of Newspaper Men That George Chip Had a Punch—Kicks With Scribes.

Jimmy Clabby is a fine example of the boxer who keeps cool at all times. Jimmy was boxing 20 rounds with George Chip at Daly City. He had been warned that if Chip ever connected with his chin he would be "knocked dead."

Along about the tenth round, while sitting in his corner, Clabby leaned



Jimmy Clabby.

over and spoke to those in the press seats.

"Say," he said, "I thought you fellows said this guy had a punch."

"Better be careful, Jim," cautioned one of the scribes, "if he lands you'll find out."

Clabby threw back his head and laughed. Then he came back with this: "If a guy has a punch and can't land it he hasn't got it, has he?"

The newspaper men had no immediate reply to the question. Jimmy had their goat. And throughout the remainder of the fight, between rounds and in the clinches, Clabby kept kidding the newspaper men about the punch that wasn't landing.

TRACKS FOR AUTO SPEEDING

Present Prospects Are That Five New Plants Will Be Added to Circuit Next Season.

Although the majority of the 12 motor speedways now in operation have not made money on their races this season, present prospects are that five new tracks will be added to the circuit next season. Pittsburgh has just announced a million-dollar plant. Philadelphia and Birmingham, Ala., have tracks in the process of construction, while New Orleans and Columbus, O., have speedway projects in the process of promotion. The 12 tracks now completed that have staged races within the last year follow: Indianapolis, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, Los Angeles, Tacoma, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Des Moines, Omaha, Sioux City and Providence.

BEST AGE FOR TENNIS

Man Plays at Topnotch When Thirty-Five Years Old.

Champion Williams Says McLoughlin Not Through Because He Is Twenty-Six Years of Age—Will Keep on Playing.

"How long can a man play topnotch tennis?"

R. Norris Williams, II, gave vent to a modest chuckle before answering this query put to him shortly after he had defeated William Johnston, California, in the national lawn tennis championship finals at Forest Hills, N. Y.

"Why, I should say until he is thirty-four or thirty-five. Do you think 'Morrie' McLoughlin is entirely broken simply because he is twenty-six?" the champion asked in reply. "Not a bit of it. It is entirely probable, and I shouldn't in the least be surprised to see him come back to the best he ever played within the next six years and regain the title."

"I have no expectations, but only hope, as to the length of time I can remain champion or a championship contender. I am twenty-four now."



R. Norris Williams, II.

And a man ought to play the very best tennis of his career around twenty-nine or thirty, for the reason that at that age he is likely to have retained his stamina and to have played long enough to have acquired the experience which is so valuable in big matches. Look at Karl Behr. He is far from broken.

"There may be this, however, to be said about McLoughlin. It is highly possible that his smashing style takes the physical strength out of a man in his younger years, where the game which either William Johnston or I play would conserve it. It is not impossible that a vital difference lies there."

TRAP SHOOTING IS POPULAR

With Very Few Exceptions Every State in Union Participated in Grand American.

With the exception of New Mexico, New Hampshire, Maine and Virginia, trap shooters from every state in the Union, and Canada too, participated in the recent grand American trap shooting tournament at St. Louis. There can be no question about the popularity of a sport that will attract 683 entrants from 44 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Of this number Illinois supplied the greatest number, 225; Missouri was next with not quite half as many as Illinois, 112. Of Illinois' total, Chicago supplied 44, more than any other city in the country.

The best representation of any city in the country, however, was made by Hillsboro, Ill. This town of 7,000 population has a gun club of 40 members and of this number ten shot in the big handicap meet. The largest states do not always supply the greatest number of entrants in such a tournament as the grand American. Pennsylvania, for instance, contributed but six entrants, while Iowa had 41; Indiana had 45, Ohio had 30, Kansas had 21, Oklahoma 19, Wisconsin and Tennessee 17 each, Michigan 12, Alabama 12 and Texas 11. These were the only states to get into double figures.

GOLF GAINS IN POPULARITY

Sport Has Taken Firm Grip Upon All Classes of People—Demands Best Brain and Muscle.

It is an indication of hopeless provincialism for anybody to deride the game of golf nowadays. This sport has taken such a firm hold upon all classes of people, it has become so universal and its popularity is so permanently founded that the jibes and wheezes of dull wits no longer have any force. Only the hopelessly ignorant now characterize it as "sissy." It is, in fact, a full-blooded, strong-bodied and absorbing sport that demands the best brain and muscle that can be put into it. Golf is really becoming a close competitor with baseball for the title of the national game.—Pacific Golf and Motor.

BILLY EVANS' BASEBALL PROBLEMS

Written Especially for This Paper by the Famous American League Umpire.

Freak plays are much more frequent in the minors than in the big show, but a play came up in the American league that is probably without a parallel in baseball. It has been put up to any number of umpires, players, and managers, and all contend they never heard of a similar happening on a ball field.



Washington and Philadelphia were the opposing teams. The Athletics got away to a good start, and when the ninth inning rolled around had piled up a big lead. With two down in the last half of the ninth, Eddie Ainsmith, the crack Washington catcher, hit for a single. With a lead of seven or eight runs, none of the Athletics paid any attention to Ainsmith, who stole second on the first ball pitched and third on the second ball delivered by Chief Bender. Then some fan in the third base bleachers yelled: "Finish up the job, Eddie, by stealing home!" That is just what Ainsmith essayed to do, and incidentally stirred up one of the most peculiar arguments in baseball history.

As Bender started to wind up, Ainsmith started for home. Bender, with a smile, decided he would permit Ainsmith to go through with his intended theft. In order to make sure that the Washington catcher would reach the plate safely, Bender kept on winding up his right arm until Ainsmith had slid over the plate in safety. Just about the time Bender had finally delivered the ball to the batter, Ainsmith had regained his feet and was busy dusting off his uniform. As luck would have it, the batter hit the ball to left field, Oldring making the catch that retired the side and ended the game. The question naturally arose as to whether or not the run counted. What would you have done had you been the umpire?

Solution of Problem.

The run does not count. The play, of course, is based on rule 59, which relates to the scoring of runs. Part of this rule states that a run shall not be scored if, after touching the first three bases, the runner comes home from third on a play in which the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching first.

The umpires contend that the start of the play was when Bender began his wind-up, and that the completion of the play was the hitting of the fly ball to left field, the batter naturally being out before he reached first. Hence, the run should not count, even though Ainsmith had scored before the ball was really started on its way to the plate. That really has nothing to do with the situation, the start of the wind-up being the beginning of the play. It is a question that will cause many an argument.

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LITTLE PICKUPS OF SPORT

Speaking of the Athletics, why should anyone?

General Watts, 2:06 1/4, has had seven new 2:10 trotters this year.

Joe Borrell and Jack Blackburn fought a sensational six-round draw at Philadelphia.

Some umpires are now enjoying a period of peace and quiet, and some are married.

Mixing politics and football is the latest, but why break up a nice, gentle game like football?

Frank Chance made good in the Pacific Coast league the first year he took part in the race.

A good deal of the baseball reform talk is like political and other reform talk: It stops at the talk stage.

A popular English billiard competition is the Crystalline cup series which attracted 4,582 contestants this year.

Havana bugs are looking forward to a highly exciting baseball season. Havana clubs don't have to go South to train.

Owner Britton of the Cardinals has joined the ranks of the National leaguers who are opposed to the player's limit.

Frank C. Bancroft, the business manager of the Cincinnati Reds, is the Grand Old Man of baseball at present. He is past seventy.

The Auckland (New Zealand) Racing club's report for the year ending June 30 shows that stakes valued at \$212,750 were distributed.

They say golf isn't an old man's game, but ten Philadelphia sexagenarians have challenged any other ten sixty-year-olds to a match.

The United States mint has broken a record by stamping 45,231,413 coins this year, of which number Freddie Welsh has collected quite a few.

Ty Cobb, the superstar, is looking forward to a highly successful season as a minor. It is said that he shoots game with bullets made of nuxated lead.

Cleveland people get a lot of enjoyment out of boasting about being the "Sixth city" in population, but the fans are not so jubilant about that rank in baseball.

Rowing is one of the most popular sports at the United States Naval academy, two varsity, a freshman and five mixed class eights being among the candidates.

Couch Bob Folwell of Pennsylvania is quoted as saying that Glen Warner, coach of University of Pittsburgh football squad, is the best football coach in America.

For one who was all through and finished and out of the game forever and a dead duck last spring, Hal Chase occupied a prominent place in the batting roll of the National league.

TENNEY RETIRES FROM GAME

Former New York Player Sends in Resignation as Manager of International League Team.

Fred Tenney will not manage the Newark International league team next season, according to an announcement made by President James Price.

Price said that no effort has been made to appoint a successor to Tenney.



Fred Tenney.

Tenney notified Price that he wished to retire from the game and would not consider lending the Newark team next season. Tenney's stock in the club "has been taken care of," according to Price's statement.

KID WILLIAMS WILL RETIRE

King of Bantamweights Makes Announcement He Will Quit Ring Before December 5, 1917.

Kid Williams, king of the bantamweights, is out with the announcement that he will quit the ring before another year has passed. Williams will be twenty-four years old on December 5, 1917, and declares that before that date he will leave the boxing game and never attempt a comeback. It is his purpose to retire undefeated, but he will not dodge a match in the meantime with any bantamweight in the game.

PLAN NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE

Proposed Circuit Is Scheduled to Include Wichita and Topeka From Western Association.

Plans for a new baseball circuit in Kansas and Oklahoma have been started. The proposed circuit is scheduled to include Oklahoma City, Wichita, Topeka, Tulsa, Joplin, Muskogee, Fort Smith and Springfield. Since both Wichita and Topeka had a disastrous season last year in the Western league it has been suggested that this league be made Class B. The total population of its towns would be \$30,000.

SWIMS ACROSS TORONTO BAY

Sixteen-Year-Old Miss Achieves Quite Unusual Distinction in Canadian Waters.

Canada, too, has expert women swimmers. Recently Miss Erith Hartley, a sixteen-year-old member of an association, achieved the difficult task of swimming across Toronto bay. She was accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Wilson, the champion woman swimmer of Toronto, who has negotiated the difficult trip a number of times.

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

The Eagle Presents Its Gallery of the Leading Political and Social Organizations.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Bohemia Club—3659 Douglas boulevard.

Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building. Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st.

Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave. Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court. Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street. Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court. Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave.

Colonial Club of Chicago, 4448 Grand boulevard. Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Edgewood, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5658 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 33d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 112 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel. Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st.

Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard. Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor. Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave.

Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building. Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street. Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street.

Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street. Standard, Michigan ave. and 24th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1258 La Salle avenue. Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street. University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

The Chicago Automobile Club, the finest and strongest automobile club in the country, is campaigning for new members. It ought to get three thousand more at once, for it is a real club with a real purpose.

The Michelob Club which meets at Ohio and Clark streets in Savenman's splendid rooms is growing in membership and power every day.

Frank J. Hogan, the popular and well-known lawyer, would make a fine Municipal Judge.

Judge Edward T. Glennon, the well known railroad lawyer, is respected by bench, bar and public.

Frank Weeger, the well known brewer and business man, is talked of for State Auditor and State Treasurer. He would fill either position well.

Dr. George Sultan always made a good record in public life.

President Thomas A. Smyth, of the Sanitary District, has increased the efficiency of the service one hundred per cent since he took office.

Judge Charles A. McDonald is making a splendid record on the Superior Court bench. He is a conscientious and fair-minded judge.

John C. Paul, the well-known manufacturer of Burnishine, the great metal polish, has made his wonderful product a household word.

Tony Schroeder of North Halsted and Roscoe streets is not only one of the solid men of Lake View but he is a political leader who numbers his friends by the thousands.

Hempstead Washburne, the popular former mayor, is active in many branches of public life.

Judge John R. Caverly is daily adding to his popularity in Chicago by his splendid record on the Municipal Court bench.

Joseph A. O'Donnell, former legislator and park commissioner, is one of the most popular members of the Chicago bar.



Manager Fielder Jones.

needed by a team. With that anything is possible. He regards the failure of his own club as due to Koob's illness at the start and in midseason Davenport's failure to round to form until he had lost about nine games. Plank's tardy return to championship class and the failure of Hamilton to come through, rather than to the downfall of clean-up men Pratt and Marsans.

M'LOUGHLIN STAYS IN GAME

California Star Will Not Forsake Pastime That Made Him Famous—Will Return to East.

Maurice E. McLoughlin, the California star has not forsaken the game that made him famous. At the close of the title tourney at Forest Hills, Ill., the former national champion said: "I am quoted every year as saying that I have played my last set of tournament tennis, while as a matter of fact, I have never made such a statement. Any man who has been an athlete and then enters a business career with its confinement indoors knows it is impossible to keep his physical condition perfect. That has been my trouble, but if I get the opportunity, I will return to the East and tournament play."

DEFEATED BOXER IN DEMAND

Charley White, Who Failed to Lift Lightweight Championship Title, Receives Offers.

While Charley White, who failed to annex the lightweight title in his bout with Freddie Welsh at Colorado Springs, Colo., is appearing theatrically in the West, his manager is receiving all kinds of offers for White's services. The best offer comes from New York, where White is wanted to fight two contests, one against Benny Leonard and the other against Johnny Dundee. White will accept when he finishes his engagements.

HOPPE CHANGES HIS STYLE

Champion Billiardist Drives Around Table Rather Than Take Chances on Thin Shot.

Bulk line billiard champion Willie Hoppe is said to have changed his style since last year. Formerly he played close shots with a "shave" English figuring to get the feather edge of each sphere. Now he drives around the table rather than play a thin shot, his object being to keep the object balls continually in front of the cue ball. He is hitting the balls full and taking no chances on spectacular shots.